

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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To: All County Welfare Directors
All County Administrative Officers

Letter No. 85- 9

PLANNING MEDS DATA COMMUNICATION INSTALLATIONS

This letter is to advise you of the increased length of time now required for MEDS data communications changes or moves that involve relocation of telephone lines used to operate MEDS equipment.

With the divestiture and transition of ATT, orders that once took four to six weeks are now taking four to six months.

The communication facilities most affected by this situation are dedicated private line facilities which cross service area boundaries (see enclosed map for your area). Communication lines crossing service areas are contracted through ATT with local operating companies serving as subcontractors for engineering and installation. This has resulted in long delays for inter-service area installations.

Because of the above, we encourage each county to notify us when forecasting any changes to present data communications installations. Even if the dates are not certain it will be easier to modify dates than to initiate new requests.

Should you or your staff have any questions regarding this letter, please contact Al Brinsfield at (916) 322-6455.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Attachment

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants
MEDS Liaisons

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